



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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**Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair  
Tara B. White  
Michele Shalaby  
Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, October 17, 2016  
6 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair  
Tara B. White  
Michele Shalaby

**Others Present:** Mari Enoch, Town Administrator  
Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary

**The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:00 p.m. The minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the minutes of October 5, 2016 as amended.**

Broadband

Selectman and Broadband Committee member, Michele Shalaby, reported that ten requests have been received for the RFP (Request for Proposal). Questions from potential vendors regarding the RFP are due October 18, 2016. A Broadband Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016, at such time responses to the questions will be formulated.

Home Rule Petition

The Home Rule petition has been sent to the Legislative House Counsel for review. The Home Rule petition is necessary if the Town is committed to a financial obligation for three or more years. The Home Rule petition will be necessary for Broadband and will be presented to the Town for approval at the Special Town Meeting on December 8, 2016.

Agricultural Commission

The appointments to the Agricultural Commission were passed over due to the inability of all interested to be present at the meeting. Sharon will reschedule with prospective candidates.

### Highway Equipment Rental

Highway Equipment Rental awards were given to Joe Wilkinson for equipment rental and John Fields for tree work for one year at the November 13, 2015 rates (see attached), with the option to renew these contracts for two one-year terms. This is the first renewal on these contracts. This was a joint bid with the Town of Sheffield. Chuck Loring, Highway Superintendent, and Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator in Sheffield, recommend renewal of the contract.

**A motion was made, seconded and so voted to renew, for one year, the contracts with both Joe Wilkinson for heavy equipment rental and John Fields for tree work.**

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES**

Sharon Fleck reported that the revised MassWorks grant contract had been sent to Boston for approval.

Selectman, Michele Shalaby suggested that at a Shared Services meeting on October 25, 2016, sharing a Conservation Commission agent be discussed.

### **SELECTMEN'S UPDATES**

#### Halloween

In view of the fact that Halloween falls on a Monday when Board of Selectmen's meetings are regularly held, a wait-and-see approach will be taken; and depending on the necessity of a meeting, there may not be one. Town Hall will be open from 5-7 p.m. to greet trick-or-treaters and will be manned, individually, by the Board of Selectmen.

#### October 24, 2016 Meeting

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30 due to a conflict in schedule with Nat Yohalem.

**Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 6:29 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Fleck  
Administrative Secretary